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ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATORS (AIEA) PRESENTS 2013 JOSEPHSON AWARD

The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) presented its annual Josephson Award at an awards luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 19 in New Orleans, LA during its annual conference. The award, which recognizes professional promise in the field of international education, was given to Karen Gardenier, a doctoral candidate in the School of Education at Colorado State University (CSU).

AIEA Executive Director Dr. Darla Deardorff said, "AIEA is honored to present this award to Karen, whose research and work epitomize emerging leadership in the field of international education."

Through her study and research, Karen Gardenier stands out as an emerging leader in international education. The focus of her studies is higher education administration and international development. Her dissertation research utilizes Mezirow's theory of transformative learning to examine student learning on an alternative break program to Kenya. Part of her interest in this project stems from her own international experiences, including teaching English in Kyrgyzstan as a Peace Corps volunteer from 2002-2004.

Karen is an Assistant Director in the Office of International Programs at CSU, where she works with Peace Corps programs, U.S. Student Fulbright and several internationally focused academic programs.

Founded in 1982, the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA), hosted at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, is a professional membership organization composed of institutional leaders representing over 200 institutions engaged in advancing the international dimensions of higher education. AIEA provides opportunities for members to join forces, exchange ideas, share institutional strategies, and provide an effective voice on matters of public policy through various means including workshops, meetings and a scholarly journal.

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